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Re: Statement of Substance of Interview
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/818,912
Attorney Docket No. YAN.013 (00-090442)

Examiner Phu:

Enclosed is a Statement of Substance of Interview, which we request be made of record, for the personal interview conducted on February 11, 2005.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Koichi Tamura

Serial No.: 09/818,912

Group Art Unit: 2631

Filed: March 28, 2001

Examiner: Phuong Phu

For: CDMA DEMODULATION CIRCUIT AND CDMA DEMODULATION METHOD

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that a statement of the substance of an interview be placed in the record, Applicant hereby submits the following.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner Phu for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on February 11, 2005, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented a summary of the present invention as providing a method of preventing degradation in receiving characteristics for a CDMA demodulation circuit by estimating the next fading drop cycle. It achieves this function by using reception level from the rake combining circuit and uses this estimation to control the finger path assignments.

In contrast, the Kondo reference uses the relative power level to derive an estimate for the fading cycle, as shown in Figure 5.

The Examiner indicated that she felt that she understood the invention and felt that some of the claims were simply too broad.

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Interview Summary

More specific, relative to the argument that the estimate in Kondo was derived from the relative transmission power, the Examiner stated that she considered that this relative transmission power is calculated in the fading period computing unit 15 shown in Figure 1, and that the only inputs shown into this module are from the decoder 14, so that the estimate can be reasonably described as originating from the rake demodulator 30.

Therefore, the Examiner stated that she felt justified to maintain the rejection for a number of the claims.

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